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To the Chairman and Members of the Council of the Isles of Scilly.

Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the Year ending 31st December,
1944General Statistics

Area . Acres.	4041
Population	1642
Number of families or Separate Occupiers	505
Number of inhabited houses	494
Rateable Value	£5643
Sum represented by 1d rate	£21

General Occupation of Inhabitants

Agriculture.

Vital Statistics

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Birth Rate</u>
Legitimate	32	12	20	19.48
Illegitimate	NIL	NIL	NIL	
				<u>Death Rate</u>
<u>Deaths</u>	20	10	10	12.18
Number of women dying as a result of childbirth				Nil
Deaths of infants under 1 year				One
Deaths from Measles				Nil
Deaths from Whooping cough				Nil
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under two years)				Nil
Cancer				One

General

The general health of the population has been good. There have been no epidemics. The birth-rate remains high, equal to last year. The death-rate was somewhat higher than last year.

Diphtheria 18 children were immunised during the year - making a total of 205 in all. There were no cases of this disease.

Tuberculosis There were no new cases and no deaths.

Water Supply.

Following urgent representations submitted to the Ministry of Health for consent to sink a new well at "Aunt Joaney's" Old Town Marshes, for augmenting the Town's supply, permission was granted for temporary works to be carried out at an estimated cost of £550. These works were completed with the least possible delay and the quality of water - chemically and Bacteriologically pumped from the new source by existing

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pumps as a temporary measure is a great improvement on other existing supplies. There is also an abundant supply from the new source.

The Ministry of Health (Ref.IE.657/9819) has now given authority for the permanent works to be completed in relation to erecting a new Engine House and providing new Diesel Engine and pump at an estimated total cost of £1,323. Consent to raise a loan for the said sum has been granted. The Engineer for the scheme is Mr.J.H.Blight, P.A.S.I., M.INST.,M.Cy.E., Borough Engineer and Surveyor, Penzance.

During the year samples of water from other sources of supply have been analysed. The results were only satisfactory.

The Proportion of dwelling houses and the proportion of the population supplied from public water mains is as follows:-

- (a) Direct to houses 70%
- (b) By means of Stand. pipes .07%

The water from all sources is corrosive to metals. No lead services are connected to properties.

I am, Mr.Chairman and Members,

Your obedient Servant,

J.C.S. WELLS

Medical Officer of Health.

